

REMARKS

By way of the foregoing amendments, several of the claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been introduced by these changes. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to submit additional claims within the scope of the original multiple dependent claims or supported by the disclosure.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the amended claims.

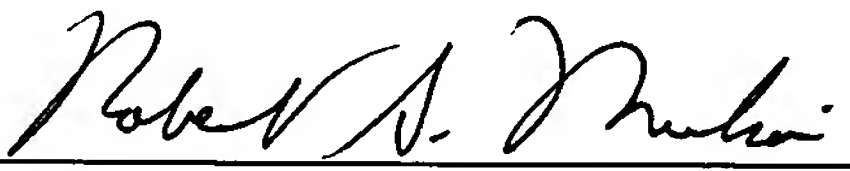
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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